

1998 POULTRY AND EGG HIGHLIGHTS

Egg production for 1998 totaled 156 million eggs, 9 percent below 1997 and the eighth consecutive year of decline. This level of production was the lowest since 1961. The average number of layers on hand during 1998 was 632,000, the lowest since 1960 and the tenth consecutive year of decline.

Cash receipts from the sale of eggs during 1998 was \$11.3 million, 13 percent below 1997. The total number of egg-type chickens on hand in Hawaii on December 1, 1998 was 747,000 birds, 13 percent below 1997 and the seventh year of decline. The 747,000 birds consisted of 607,000 layers and 140,000 non-laying pullets. The 607,000 layers was 17 percent below a year ago.

CHICKENS: December 1 inventory by class, by counties, 1994-98

Year	All chickens (excluding broilers)	Number of layers			Non-laying pullets		Other chickens (excluding broilers)
		Hens 1 year +	Pullets under 1 year	Total	Over 3 months	Under 3 months	

Thousands							
State							
1994	981	505	291	796	83	102	*
1995	933	446	328	774	68	91	*
1996	876	490	235	725	76	75	*
1997	863	465	263	728	55	80	*
1998	747	408	199	607	77	63	*
Counties:							
Hawaii/Kauai/Maui¹							
1994	181	108	52	160	9	12	*
1995	177	108	57	165	7	5	*
1996	161	95	58	153	8	0	*
1997	150	80	64	144	6	0	*
1998	146	82	58	140	0	6	*
Honolulu							
1994	800	397	239	636	74	90	*
1995	756	338	271	609	61	86	*
1996	715	395	177	572	68	75	*
1997	713	385	199	584	49	80	*
1998	601	326	141	467	77	57	*

* = Less than 500.

¹ Kauai and Maui combined with Hawaii to avoid disclosure of individual operations.